

What is claimed is:

1. An optical image reader for optically reading a document comprising:

a light irradiating member for irradiating a light to said
5 document;

a reading means for reading a reflected light of said
document; and

a backing member provided at least in a reading position
of said document and disposed on the opposite side to said reading
10 means across said document, and for changing background colors
of said document by electric control.

2. The optical image reader according to claim 1 wherein, said
backing member comprises an electro-optic member having
15 variable reflectivity by electric control.

3. The optical image reader according to claim 2 wherein
said backing member comprising:

a liquid crystal member having variable light transmittance
20 by electric control; and

a light reflective body.

4. The optical image reader according to claim 2, further
comprising:

25 controller for electrically controlling said light
reflectivity of said electro-optic member according to a
designation of said background color.

5. The optical image reader according to claim 4 wherein
said controller electrically controls said light reflectivity
of said electro-optic member depending on a program for processing
5 said image having been read in.

6. The optical image reader according to claim 1, further
comprising a document feeding means for feeding said document
through said reading means and said backing member.

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7. The optical image reader according to claim 6, wherein
said reading means comprises;

a first optical reader for optically reading a front surface
of said document; and

15 a second optical reader for optically reading a back surface
of said document.

8. The optical image reader according to claim 7, wherein
said backing means comprising:

20 a first backing means provided for said first optical reader;
and

a second backing means provided for said second optical
reader.

25 9. The optical image reader according to claim 1, wherein
said reading means comprising a photo-electric converter and
an optical element.

10. The optical image reader according to claim 4, further comprising an operator panel for designating said background color to said controller.

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